

any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the United States, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.”.

George W. Bush

The White House,
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**Executive Order 13377—
Designating the African Union as a
Public International Organization
Entitled To Enjoy Certain Privileges,
Exemptions, and Immunities**
April 13, 2005

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 1 and 12 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288 and 288f–2), as amended by section 569(h) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2005 (Division D of Public Law 108–447), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Designation. The African Union is hereby designated as a public international organization entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities provided by the International Organizations Immunities Act.

Sec. 2. Non-Abridgement. The designation in section 1 of this order is not intended to abridge in any respect privileges, exemptions, or immunities that the African Union otherwise may have acquired or may acquire by law.

Sec. 3. Revocation. Executive Order 11767 of February 19, 1974, is revoked.

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**Remarks and a Question-and-Answer
Session at the American Society of
Newspaper Editors Convention**
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The President. Thank you all. Please be seated. Thanks, Rich. I appreciate the chance to come back—more than you know. [*Laughter*] I miss my hometown newspaper. Austin was my hometown newspaper for quite a while. I miss reading it every morning as it was thrown on the Governor’s Mansion doorsteps, but not enough to want to stay here for 4 more years. [*Laughter*]

I appreciate your leadership, Rich. Two thoughts came to mind when I first saw Rich. One, he has to work with a guy named Ken Herman. [*Laughter*] Is Herman in the pool today?

Ken Herman. Yes, sir, Mr. President.

The President. Yes, okay. [*Laughter*] Just trying to help you out—[*laughter*]—kind of like you try to help me out, you know what I mean? [*Laughter*]

And second, I know Rich is proud of his son, Rich, Jr., who is Baghdad. My daughter Barbara—one of our daughters went to Yale, and she brought a fellow over the other day. I said, “What are you doing?” He said, “Well, I was in your daughter’s class. I’m in Baghdad, and I’m working with the State Department to help shepherd the press corps.” I said, “Oh, who are some of the characters you’ve run into there?” And he mentioned a guy named John Burns, who I had known when my dad was the liaison officer in China. And believe it or not, he mentioned Oppel. I said, “I know the old man.” [*Laughter*]

I know you’re proud of him. I appreciate the service he’s providing.

And I want to thank Karla Garrett Harshaw as well, from Clark County, Ohio. Happens to be one of my favorites. [*Laughter*]

Just a couple of brief thoughts, and I’d be glad to answer some questions if you have any. [*Laughter*] Here’s what Jefferson said. Jefferson said, “Our liberty depends on freedom of the press; that cannot be limited without being lost.” He also went on to say, “I’ve